

to a 19th century public school." The writer is Supt. William Wirt of the Gary (Ind.) public schools.

Supt. Wirt declares that "the worst possible form of an educational plant is a massive brick and stone building with every device perfected for keeping children quiet in a straitjacket school seat all day long." Education is not merely the mechanical study of books nor the child a machine.

"The twentieth century public school," says Supt. Wirt, "saves the taxpayers money by providing, first, classrooms and libraries where the child can study books and recite from books; second, playgrounds, gymnasiums, and swimming pools where the child can play and secure a general physical training; third, shops, gardens, drawing rooms, and laboratories where the child can work and learn to do efficiently many things by doing them; fourth, an auditorium where by lectures, recitals, dramatization, phonograph, player piano, stereopticon lantern and motion pictures the visual and auditory education of the child may be done efficiently."

The estimate of saving in first cost and maintenance need not be given here. What is more important than money economy is the social economy involved in the tremendous vitalization of education thus expended and its effect upon the whole development of the child. The waste of attention, of time, and energy under our present system is large. If schools are what they ought to be children will want to be in school and can afford to be in school much longer hours and all the year round.

The universal problem of keeping the children in school has been solved," Supt. Wirt asserts. "The school provides a real life so that the child wants to educate himself at the very moment that he has the opportunity. The play impulse is transformed into a work impulse so that real pleasure is experienced in work. The school life creates a need and desire for the academic and cultural work of the school. There is no attempt to remove the difficulties. The supposed distasteful work of the school is not sugar coated with sentimentalism. The wasted time and the misdirected energy of the street and alley are utilized to awaken ambition, develop initiative, and create power in the child, so that he can find real joy in the mastery of difficulties. The child is busily and actively engaged the year round educating himself."

Supt. Wirt's summary on behalf of his many sided modern school conveys a suggestion which it is hoped will bear fruit in school boards throughout the land. The twentieth century school, he says, "gives the child not a shop, not a playground, but a life."

Up in the East End a druggist is selling get-acquainted ice cream by having all the neighbors eat it on the pharmaceutical lawn. As an added inducement to get the folks to attend, the druggist himself introduces

everybody all around in a most neighborly manner and the soda squirt passes out the ice cream. It is even said that boys accompanied by their parents who "buy" are entitled to free ice cream, which never was known to happen when we were kids.

A South Temple street hotel is called the "Lucid." Anything that is so transparent is rather a dangerous place for a hotel.

Except that Taft has had one term and is entitled to another no one has shown sufficient audacity to give another reason for his re-election.

"Self-love's labor lost" will be the President's trip through certain states to explain why he should be retained in the White House.

Drinking cocktails is harmful but understandable, but what excuse can there be for a man who will knowingly imbibe an alleged cocktail with an egg in it?

Other important questions are generally finally settled, whether rightly or wrongly, but the regular discussion as to the proper way to make a mint julep is again running through the newspapers.

The law undoubtedly says "a man can do as he will with his own," but it also adds "so he does not injure his neighbor."

Scholars in American politics have not been as few as most people think. Real statesmen are another story.

Col. Henri Watterson makes the point that no man is entitled to recover for the loss of his wife's affections unless he can prove she can and will cook, which raises a question about the value of the affections of the husband who can provide suitable dresses, but won't.

Gov. Foss expects to be renominated by the Democrats of Massachusetts on the plea his opponent is a bachelor and must marry in order to qualify.

At a recent wedding in California moving pictures were taken of all the happenings just as if it had been a prize fight. Incidentally the guests wore jewels valued at \$1,500,000.

**Fame.**

"Why do you spend so much care on the crease of your pants, hey?"

"It is important, dad, not to wear baggy trousers."

"Important, is it? Why, you young cub look here. Did you ever see a statue to a man who didn't wear baggy pants?"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

**Cheaper.**

"My daughter wants to marry a duke."

"Mine wants to marry a poet."

"Well, I believe I'd rather support a poet than a duke. From all ac-

counts a poet won't eat much, and I don't think he'll want to play the stock market all the time."—Kansas City Journal.

**A Celebration.**

Servant—You want to see Herr Doktor? Could you come again tomorrow?

Patient—Why, isn't he in?

Servant—O, yes; but you're our first patient, and it's his birthday tomorrow. I would so like it to be a surprise for him.—Fliegende Blatter.

**Evolution.**

"The letter I is a curious part of speech. At first a mere letter, it becomes a pronoun."

"Yes," replied the plain person, "and then it gets to be a habit."—Washington Star.

**Caution.**

Patient—I wish to consult you with regard to my utter loss of memory.

Doctor—Ah, yes! Why—er—in cases of this nature I always require my fee in advance.—Christian Intelligence.

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